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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2006

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the office action mailed on February 6, 2006 setting forth a four-way restriction requirement. By this paper, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, including claims 1-9, 20-25, and 29-42.

However, the applicants would like to propose an alternative grouping of the claims. Claims 1-9 are directed to a chair with a tray, wherein the tray has a rim with an undulated height profile. Claims 10-15 are directed to a tray with a rim having an undulated height profile, but do not specifically recite a chair. Claims 20-25 are directed to a chair in combination with a tray, but are further directed to a seat with a bearing surface that supports the tray for fore and aft movement. Claims 29-42 are directed to a height adjustable high chair and do not recite a tray.

Thus, the applicants believe that claims 1-9 of Group I and claims 10-15 of Group II are directed to essentially the same invention of an undulated tray rim profile. Thus, the applicants

propose that claims 1-15 be prosecuted together and that an election of claims 1-15 be entered as a result of this response.

In order to comply with the restriction requirement, the applicants have provisionally elected to prosecute claims 1-9, 20-25, and 29-42 of the examiner's identified Group I. However, the applicants again propose the alternate election of claims 1-15.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to discuss and resolve this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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